

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/023,807

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2004 Amendment in which Applicants noted that the Moreno provisional application did not provide enabling disclosure and/or adequate written description to support features in the Moreno publication that that the Examiner alleges read on the claims of the present application. As examples of the lack of support in the Moreno provisional application, Applicants argued that independent claim 1, and the remaining independent claims, as amended, recite a "display" feature for displaying (presenting), for example, received ID information (as recited in dependent claim 4) and/or advertisement information (as recited in claims 7, 11, 16, and 18).

In this Office Action, the Examiner uses Cayne et al. to allege a display unit of the present invention. Specifically, throughout the rejection, the Examiner alleges that Cayne et al. teaches a control center for remotely controlling lockers whereby each locker compartment comprises a display to present information generated by a control center to a user (citing paragraph 0050).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 recites "a display unit for displaying information given by said control center. While the Examiner broadly interprets the green/red light LED disclosed in Cayne et al. as a display unit, Applicants respectfully submit that this LED does not display information given by a control center. Rather, the customer service station 28 only provides information to the intelligent locking device 54 to lock or unlock the door based on a user payment. Once the door is locked or unlocked, the printed circuit board 56 with microprocessor of intelligent locking device 54 itself causes the LED to emit a red or green light based on whether the door is locked or unlocked (see paragraphs 0030-0040 for a description of how the intelligent locking device interacts with the customer service station 28).

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There is no disclosure or suggestion of information being provided by the customer service station to be displayed on the LED. Rather, the LED emits light based on the intelligent locking device's 54 own printed circuit board 56. As such, claim 1 as well as dependent claims 2-8 are allowable. Likewise, claim 9 also recites a similar feature of obtaining information to be displayed at the lockers, and is allowable for similar reasoning above.

Next, Applicants note that several dependent claims define the information that is displayed at the locker. For example, claim 4 recites that the information is received ID information, and claims 7, 11, 16, and 18 recite that the information is advertisement information.

With respect to claim 4, because no information is provided by the customer service station 28 of Cayne et al. for display, there would be no suggestion of displaying received ID information. In addition, with respect to the recited advertisement information, the Examiner states that Moreno teaches an advertising information provider being connected to said telecommunications network, wherein said advertisement information provider obtains information regarding a user of said locker compartment and selects advertisement information based on the information regarding the user (citing paragraph 0048). The Examiner acknowledges that Moreno does not explicitly teach providing advertisement information to be displayed on said display unit with said locker controller, nor transmitting the selected advertisement information to said locker controller when the user uses the locker compartment. However, the Examiner states that Cayne et al. teach a control center for remotely controlling lockers whereby each locker compartment comprises means to present information to a user

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(Paragraph 0050). As such, the Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide specified locker compartments with instructions to display information to a user in the invention taught by Moreno since this would allow a user to observe the status of the locker via a visual indication (citing Cayne et al. paragraph 0050). The Examiner further states that Moreno provides the functionality to display information such as advertisements at a user terminal, and it would therefore have been obvious to expand this functionality by duplicating the user terminal for each specific locker compartment since this would allow more users to view information such as advertisements simultaneously, which would increase the effectiveness of the advertising campaign.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. First, Applicants remind the Examiner that paragraph 0048 of the Moreno publication is not supported by the Moreno provisional application. As argued in the May 18, 2004 Amendment, while the Moreno provisional application suggests advertising, (see page 16 of the provisional application, first full paragraph) this advertising is not done for the individual locker user (or selected based on the user information), but in contrast, is broadcast to a large number of people to reduce deliveries by aggregating the deliveries to a particular "box". Thus, this large scale broadcast of advertising information actually teaches away from features of the present invention since it is used only to facilitate "aggregation" of deliveries from a large population, and is not tailored to a user of the locker (see claims 7, 11, 16, and 18). Applicant's submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not, at the time of invention, be motivated to display advertisement information on a locker by the combination of disclosure of a red/green LED that is independent of a control

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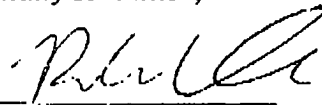
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center, combined with the teaching of advertising via the web. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 11, 16, and 18 are allowable for this reason as well.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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